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REMARKS

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1. On 22 February 1953, boards were unloaded from two flatcars at the Dallgow railroad station. The shipment had come from Fuerstenwalde and was bound for Unit [redacted] 25X1
The officer who accepted the load as well as the escorting personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets.¹
2. On 27 February, a total of 15 trucks, loaded with billeting equipment, and tank trucks was seen passing through Potsdam, coming from Doberitz and proceeding toward the autobahn. [redacted] 25X1
3. Materiel loaded at the Oranienburg railroad station, coming from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp and leaving toward Loewenberg, probably for Vogelsang, included: 30 van-like trucks, 3 x 132-mm rocket launchers, about 35 AT guns and several field kitchens, on 1 March; and 30 tanks, loaded on 30 SS-type cars, on 2 March.³
4. Between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on 22 February, the following troops and materiel were observed in Doebelin, coming from the direction of Stendal; 20 trucks, including 10 towing 57-mm AT guns, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 6 trucks occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; 2 trucks [redacted] occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; 10 trucks [redacted] 6 trucks and 1 field kitchen, [redacted] 20 trucks including 12 towing 160-mm mortars, occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 7 trucks towing 4 x 122-mm field howitzers and including 5 trucks occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets [redacted] 25X1
Between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on 22 February, a column consisting of 2 jeeps, 6 radio trucks and 40 trucks occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen in Doebelin proceeding toward Stendal. [redacted]
5. On 24 February, about 90 to 100 soldiers equipped with 21 trucks, 1 crane tractor, 20 pontoons, 1 amphibious vehicle and 3 pontoons with outboard motors were seen in a large bridge construction practice, on the Saale River, 1.5 km upstream from Bernburg.⁵ 25X1

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Comment. Probably units of the 25th Tank Div who moved to Templin, where elements of the division, since mid-January 1953, probably continually have been engaged in advanced combat practice firing.

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Comment. Beginning as early as mid-January 1953, units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div continually engaged in small-scale exercises, possibly advanced combat firing practices, probably in the northern part of Letzling Heath.

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the columns observed probably belonged to the division, with the 160-mm mortars and the 122-mm howitzers presumably belonging to the 693d How Arty Regt of the division.

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